PART 129 WET LEASE REQUIREMENTS

1. Wet Lease is defined as a lease agreement in which the aircraft and flightcrew from one air carrier (lessor) is leased to another air carrier (lessee). For such an agreement the information requested below must be provided. Some additional information from Appendix A to Part 129 may be requested.

2. These agreements may be made between two 129 air carriers, between a 129 and a non 129 carrier, or between a 129 and a 121 carrier. In a Wet Lease agreement with a non 129 carrier, only the 129 carrier may have operational control. Normally these agreements can be approved at the New York International Field Office level (with Department of Transport (DOT) concurrence).

3. In a Wet Lease agreement with a 121 carrier, the agreement must also be reviewed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regional Legal Office.

4. In some cases, a Wet Lease operation is conducted into/out of an airport that does not meet Part 139 and/or Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security standards. The passengers, baggage and cargo must be screened at another airport that meets these standards before departing to the United States.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

A) Identify which aircraft are to be used (must be listed in the 129 or 121 Operation Specifications of the carrier that will have operational control).

B) Copy of the Wet Lease Agreement identifying the air carriers, the specific aircraft to be used, the start and end dates of agreement, and the signature page.

C) Statement from the lessor regarding:

1. Who will dispatch/flight follow?
2. Who has operational control?
3. Who will provide maintenance?
4. Who trains and employs the flight crew?
5. At least the captain has to be employed by the lessor's airline.
6. Who employs and trains the cabin attendants?

D) Statement from lessee's Civil Aviation Authority indicating knowledge of agreement.

E) Proof of U.S. DOT Economic Authority granting approval of the wet lease with the final DOT exemption number and the start and end dates.